

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending in this application. Claims 2-24 are added herein. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the following remarks.

The drawings have been objected to because Figure 1 does not include a prior art legend. This legend has been added to the drawing and a replacement sheet is attached hereto.

The single independent claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Ema (U.S. Patent No. 4,975,753). However, claim 1 has now been amended to include a limitation that clearly renders this claim patentably distinct from all of the references of record whether considered singly or in combination. More specifically, the first conductive lines are located in a first substantially planar dielectric layer and the second conductive lines are located in a second substantially planar dielectric layer that covers the first dielectric layer. This arrangement is clearly different from the Ema reference.

New claims 2-24 have been added to more fully cover Applicant's invention.

Applicant has made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone James C. Kesterson, Applicant's attorney, at 972-732-1001 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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